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assembling of the public at the post-office on the arrival of mails, and also cautioned our laundrymen to take no soiled clothes from any house where there has been anyone sick, for the purpose of washing the same. The board of health have ordered all the children of our public schools vaccinated, which order is being rigidly enforced. At present we have the matter well in hand and with strict surveillance on the part of our citizens it will be but a short time until we have the disease thoroughly stamped out.

Respectfully,

T. C. FRARY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Seattle, Wash., and vicinity.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., *January 16, 1902.*

SIR: Referring to my telegram of the 11th instant, I have the honor to state that reports of smallpox in Seattle vary considerably. It was officially stated that there were 54 cases treated in the pesthouse last month and the newspapers have had accounts of cases being detected in private practice and of persons afflicted with the disease walking into the city hall, etc., which should lead one to think that the number was increasing during January. Compulsory vaccination has been instituted among the school children and the papers state that an organized attempt is being made to disinfect the cheap lodging houses, and that the number of assistants to the health officer has been increased to meet larger demands on that office. As far as this condition has affected the vessels of this port, I would state that since the middle of December 1 case occurred in the crew of the steamer *City of Denver*, the steamer *Rosalie* carried a case which was in transit from Ontario to Victoria, British Columbia, and the local authorities of Vancouver claim that on December 10 and December 19, the steamer *Mainlander* carried persons to Vancouver from Seattle who either had or afterwards developed smallpox. One of the steamship companies employs a physician at their own expense to examine their vessels before going to British Columbia. A considerable number of the towns of the State are reported to have had 1 or more cases, and some of the lumber and railroad camps are stated to be infected. The last reports are that 2 cases exist at Coupeville, a small village across the bay from Port Townsend.

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection service at Vanceboro, Me., and vicinity.

VANCEBORO, ME., *January 18, 1902.*

SIR: I beg to report that for the week ended January 18, I have inspected, approximately, 550 passengers, vaccinated 84, and disinfected 14 pieces of baggage.

The conditions at this port are much less favorable than at the time of my last report. After a period of nearly two weeks' freedom from new cases of smallpox, St. John began to find them, and under circumstances that make it seem probable many are infected.

Moncton, New Brunswick, east of St. John, had a case of supposed appendicitis, which, after many had been exposed to infection, was found to be smallpox. The probability is that during the incoming week several cases will develop there.